

## REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has elected Species II, corresponding to Figure 3. The claims readable on said elected Species are claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 12, 21, 22. Claims 3, 9, 11, and 13-20 are withdrawn.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Per 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and in connection with the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2006, Applicant respectfully petitions Commissioner for a five (5) month extension of time, extending the period for response to November 9, 2006. Attached is a check in the amount of \$1,590 to cover the petition filing fee for a 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(5) large entity. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated:

11/9/06

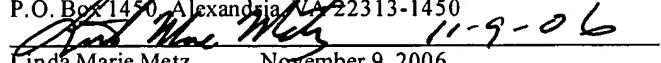
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